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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TRIP BY USYG GUYER TO DAMASCUS AND ISRAEL

1. SYG WALDHEIM TOLD ME TODAY HE PLANS SEND USYG GUYER TO DAMASCUS AND ISRAEL TO TRY TO ARRANGE RELEASE OF ISRAELI POW'S IN EXCHANGE FOR RETURN OF SYRIAN VILLAGERS TO GOLAN HEIGHTS AREA. SYG EMPHASIZED MISSION WOULD BE ENTIRELY CONFIDENTIAL WITH NO PUBLICITY EXPECTED, WITH GUYER LEAVING FOR GENEVA TONIGHT, NOV 12, TO TALK WITH ICRC REPS AND GOING ON TO DAMASCUS TO MEET WITH SYRIAN OFFICIALS TUES. HE SAID ISRAELI FON MIN EBAN HAD URGED SUCH CONFIDENTIAL ON INTERVENTION MTG WITH SYG SATURDAY, AND THAT GUYER IN TURN HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH SYRIAN UN AMB, WHO REPORTEDLY IS "MOST ENTHUSIASTIC" ABOUT MISSION.

2. EBAN MADE NO PROMISES THAT SWAP OF VIALLAGERS' RETURN FOR POW'S WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAELI GOVT, BUT WALDHEIM SAID, "READING BETWEEN THE LINES" OF WHAT EBAN SAID, SYG GATHERED ISRAELIS WLD NOT OBJECT TO IT.

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FIGURE OF 15,000 VILLAGERS WAS MENTIONED BY WALDHEIM BUT NUMBER OF ISRAELI POW'S WHO MIGHT BE EXCHANGED UNSPECIFIED.

3. WALDHEIM REPORTED ENTIRE CONVERSATION WITH EBAN SATURDAY
FOCUSED ON SYRIAN PHASE OF ME PROBLEM WITH EBAN REPORTEDLY
SAYING UN WAS ONLY LIAISON POSSIBILITY WITH SYRIANS, NOT
USG AT THIS TIME.

4. WALDHEIM EMPHASIZED DESIRE TO KEEP GUYER TRIP
SECRET SO THAT IF IT FAILS, NO ONE WOULD KNOW. SYG DID
NOT SAY WHEN GUYER WOULD VISIT ISRAEL BUT IT WOULD BE
AFTER VISIT TO DAMASCUS.
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